

Appl. No. 09/781,786
Amndt. dated October 14, 2003
Reply to Office action of September 16, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On September 16, 2003, the Examiner issued a communication in response to the Amendment filed July 9, 2003. In the Communication, the Examiner stated, "The reply filed on 7-14-2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed 4-11-2003 because of the following omissions/matters: Applicant has not addressed the drawing objections in the second bullet of section 3."

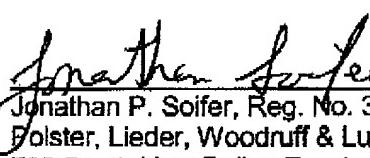
The drawing objections referred to by the Examiner related to the reference numbers 21', 37' and 38' which appeared in the original drawings, but were inadvertently omitted from the specification as filed. On page 21 of the July 9, 2003 Amendment (which was filed in response to the April 11, 2003 Office Action), Applicant noted that this objection had in fact been remedied in the Amendment C filed October 19, 2002.

In view of the fact that the matter referred to in the communication of September 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that this communication be withdrawn, and that the Examiner confirm that Applicant in fact fully responded to the Office Action of April 11, 2003 in the Amendment of July 9, 2003.

As set forth in the Amendment of July 9, 2003, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowability is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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